TO THE KING, AND KINGDOM.

OF writing Books there is no end. And when there is ſuch an abſolute Neceſſity of preferring the Publick Good, to any Private Intereſt whatſoever; the Publick Buſineſs, of this Great Land, and Nation, muſt and will go on, againſt the Current of all Contradiction.

AND ſo I am now to acquaint my Reader, That I lately received the following Letters, from my *Honoured Counties* of *Cornwall*, and *Devon*; for I am, by my Father's ſide, of the One; and, by Mothers ſide, of the Other.

SIR, Cornwall, Mar. 15. $169\frac{6}{7}$.

I Received yours in its Seaſon; and did ſend Copies of the Means you propoſed to Redreſs the Tinners Grievances, with the Petition, &c. to ſeveral intelligent Tinners, (the Anſwer to one of which is here incloſed) and had appointed a Day for a General Meeting at Truroe, *to have ſigned the*

Petition, and to write to you in the Name of all the Tinners: But presently after I had an Account, That your Brother had sent up the Petition, already signed, and had got some Hands thereto; which I heard not a Syllable of, till a Week after; which put a stop to our Meeting, to see what Success would come thereof. Yesterday I had a sight of your Appendix, and that the Parliament had considered thereof: I saw also the Order of that Committee, for the Warden of the Pewterers to attend them Tuesday *last. In all which you have shewn your self a most generous spirited Man, and, I hope, born for the Good of your Country.*

SIR, Cornwall, Mar. 8. $169\frac{6}{7}$.

I Have yours of the 2d Current, and have considered the Import; and this Morning dispatch'd it to Mr. Anstice, *for Communication to the Eastern Tinners, who have a better Title to the Character of intelligent Tinners; my own Infirmities, Inadvertency, and Incapacity, for so grand an Affair (other than by well-Wishes) not permitting my Attendance, or Application, thereto. But whether a Fools Bolt may not sometimes hit the Mark; or whether petitioning a Parliament (other than of Tinners) may not open a Gap to let in the Vacating Convocations, and Charter-Liberties, is a Preliminary, in my shallow Sense, (with humble Submission) seems to Challenge the first and most serious Debate; and whether that Method be the proper Road, that leads to your End. As to the Heads, limitted in Mr.* Praed's *Letter, relating to the printing the Charters, Priviledges, and Customs; with the other Matters concerning Bounds, reducing Fees,* &c. *(if, without Vanity, it were not too arrogant a Presumption to offer my weak Opinion) I should concur with him, and do conceive them all highly rational, and directly necessary, if with Safety to be attained, otherwise then* (ut supra) *by a proper Call of Convocates to Ratifie. The next Thing that seems to my mole Eyes, worthy of a double Consideration, is, if the Proposal should take according to the* Venetian *Policy.*

SIR,

SIR, Devon, Mar. 10. 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

YOurs of the 9th Inſtant is come to Hand; as alſo your former, with the Appendix incloſed; which hath ſo much of true Reaſon and Benefit to this Nation in it, that it is hoped there is not the leaſt probability of the Propoſals miſcarrying; all Perſons that throughly conſider it, highly approving of it: It being the Advancement of our own Countries Product; which none but thoſe which are Enemies to that Advantage, can be thought will oppoſe it; or, as you well obſerve in your Poſtcript, Thoſe which prefer their private Gain, before the publick Good. *Pray give me leave to tell you (tho' unknown) that you are in high Eſteem here, as your Merit deſerves; and what grateful Acknowledgments may be acceptable to you, for your good Services herein, will be performed by thoſe who are your Well-wiſhers in theſe Parts.*

I DO not ſet forth and publiſh thoſe Letters, to affront my Friends, nor favour my ſelf; for I am too highly obliged to *The Generous BRITINNERS*, both of *Cornwall* and *Devon*: But I do it to ſerve the Nation in general, *with all my Mind, with all my Soul, and with all my Strength.* And to corroborate what I have written before now, I ſhall add the following Lines from Mr. *Thomas Treſilian* of *Cornwall*, and from Mr. *Edward Williams* of *Devon.*

Kind Sir, Bodille, Mar. 4. 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

I Carried your Propoſal, and the Copy of the Tinners Grievances, in my Pocket; and I could meet with none of them that could adviſe me of any Thing elſe fit to be complained of.

Worthy

Worthy Sir, Feb. 22. 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

WE have gotten many Letters written to our Repreſentatives in Parliament; and will always be making up all the Intereſt we can. We will not leave one Stone unturned, till we have this good Building laid upon this good Foundation.

WHEN the Tinners Petition was firſt read to the Committee, a Man of much Honour, and Underſtanding, of another County, asked What Propoſal that was which the Tinners mention'd in the Petition? And it was anſwered by ſome, That it was the Pewterers Propoſal: Which I had ſome Reaſon to take notice of, becauſe the Pewterers cannot attribute that Propoſal wholly to themſelves; it having been thought on and communicated, ever ſince I came from beyond Sea.

AND now to ſerve the Victuallers (who have the worſt of it, ſince ſo many Taverns have been ſet up, in favour more of the French, than of the Engliſh Nation) it is humbly propoſed, That as all Malt-Drink may be ſold, by true Meaſure, they may double the Price and Quality thereof; which will doubly advantage both the Poor, and the Rich.

For Workmens Wages will riſe with their Liquor; and as the Price of Liquor riſeth, ſo will the Value and Rents of Land.

Daily Buſineſs will alſo riſe with daily Bread.

The very Name of a *General Exciſe*, will make a *General Peace*; and the Nature thereof will maintain it, ſo as to make this Great Land and Nation, the Greateſt Nation that ever was in the World.

I therefore hope, with all my Heart, to ſee ſo Great and Good a Decree come forth, from our *CÆSAR AUGUSTUS*, and His *High Court of Parliament*, that *All Our Works* may be Taxed therewith.

FINIS.